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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 11, 2006, Applicants respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the remarks herein. Additionally, please contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in the event that any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of this application is found, which could be clarified by a telephonic interview, or which is susceptible to being overcome by means of an Examiner's Amendment.

Amendments to the Specification being on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.